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N...NO!





IT DEFEATED ARCH LICH WITH A SINGLE PUNCH...?



ALL OF THE
UNDEAD ARE OUT
COLD, TOO!

KEEEEGH





I KNEW IT WAS STRONG, BUT NOT THIS STRONG...



WITH SOLDIERS LIKE THAT, SUNG JINWOO WON'T EVEN NEED TO STEP FOOT INSIDE A GATE.

HE COULD CLEAR A DUNGEON JUST BY SENDIN' IN HIS MINIONS.



HE PROBABLY CAN'T COMMAND ALL OF HIS SUMMONED BEASTS AT ONCE, SINCE THAT WOULD DEplete HIS MANA.

HOWEVER, JUDGING FROM HOW STRONG THEY ARE,

EVEN IF HE CALLS FORTH

JUST HALF OF THEM, HE
COULD EASILY WIELD AN
ARMY MORE POWERFUL
THAN A MAJOR GUILD.

C'MON, BOSS. WE
DON'T HAVE TIME TO
LOSE. LET'S TRY
TO ACQUIRE SUNG
JINWOO'S GUILD.

ACQUIRE...? THAT
DOESN'T SOUND RIGHT.
LET'S CALL IT AN
ALLIANCE INSTEAD.

AN ALLIANCE BETWEEN
A NEW GUILD FOUNDED
BY THE WORLD'S FINEST
HUNTER AND THE KNIGHTS
GUILD, ONE OF THE FIVE
MAJOR GUILDS IN THE
COUNTRY!

HAS A NICE RING
TO IT, DUNNIT?

EH...?
YOU SERIOUS, BOSS?
I WAS JUST JOKIN'...

BESIDES, FROM THE
LOOKS OF TODAY...
I DON'T THINK HE'LL
NEED OUR HELP.

DON'T BE RIDICULOUS!

HE SHOULDN'T BE
ALLOWED TO BEND THE
RULES JUST 'CAUSE HE'S
THE SUNG JINWOO!

HUH?

HE MAY BE ABLE
TO CLEAR A DUNGEON
WITH HIS SUMMONED
BEASTS, BUT A MINIMUM
NUMBER OF HUNTERS IS
REQUIRED TO RAID ONE
IN THE FIRST PLACE.

NO ONE IS
EXEMPT FROM
THIS RULE.

FOR
CHRIST'S SAKE,
DID YOU FORGET
ABOUT THE BASIC
REQUIREMENTS?

OH, YEAH!
YOU'RE RIGHT,
BOSS.

HE'LL BE
ABLE TO BOOST OUR
FIGHTING POWER, AND WE'LL
BE ABLE TO PROVIDE HIM WITH
THE NUMBER OF HUNTERS HE
NEEDS. IT'LL BE A WIN-WIN
SITUATION!

PRECISELY!
HAHAHA!



BUT THAT MEANS...
WE'D BE RIDIN' ON
HIS COATTAILS...



NONSENSE!

WE
SIMPLY...

...HAVE THE RIGHT
CONNECTIONS.

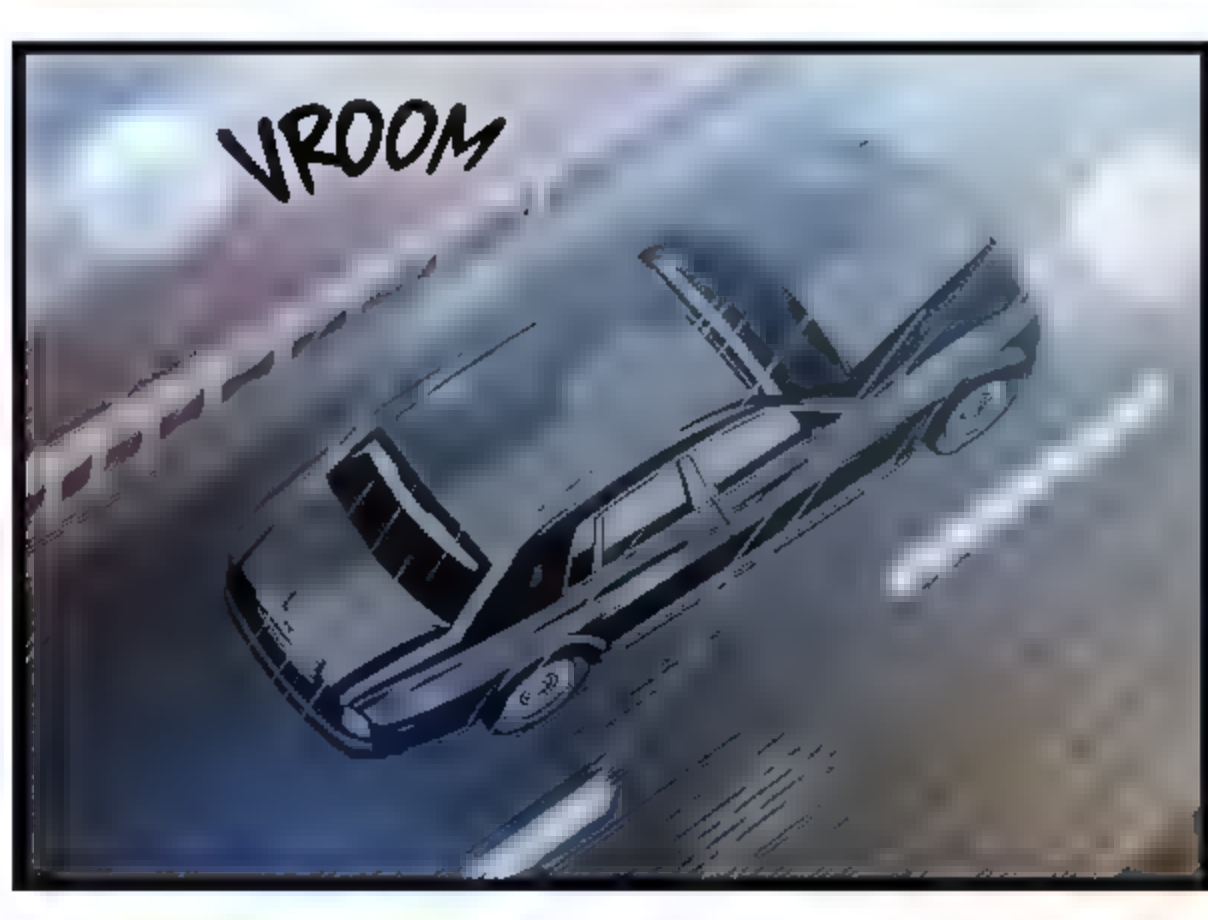
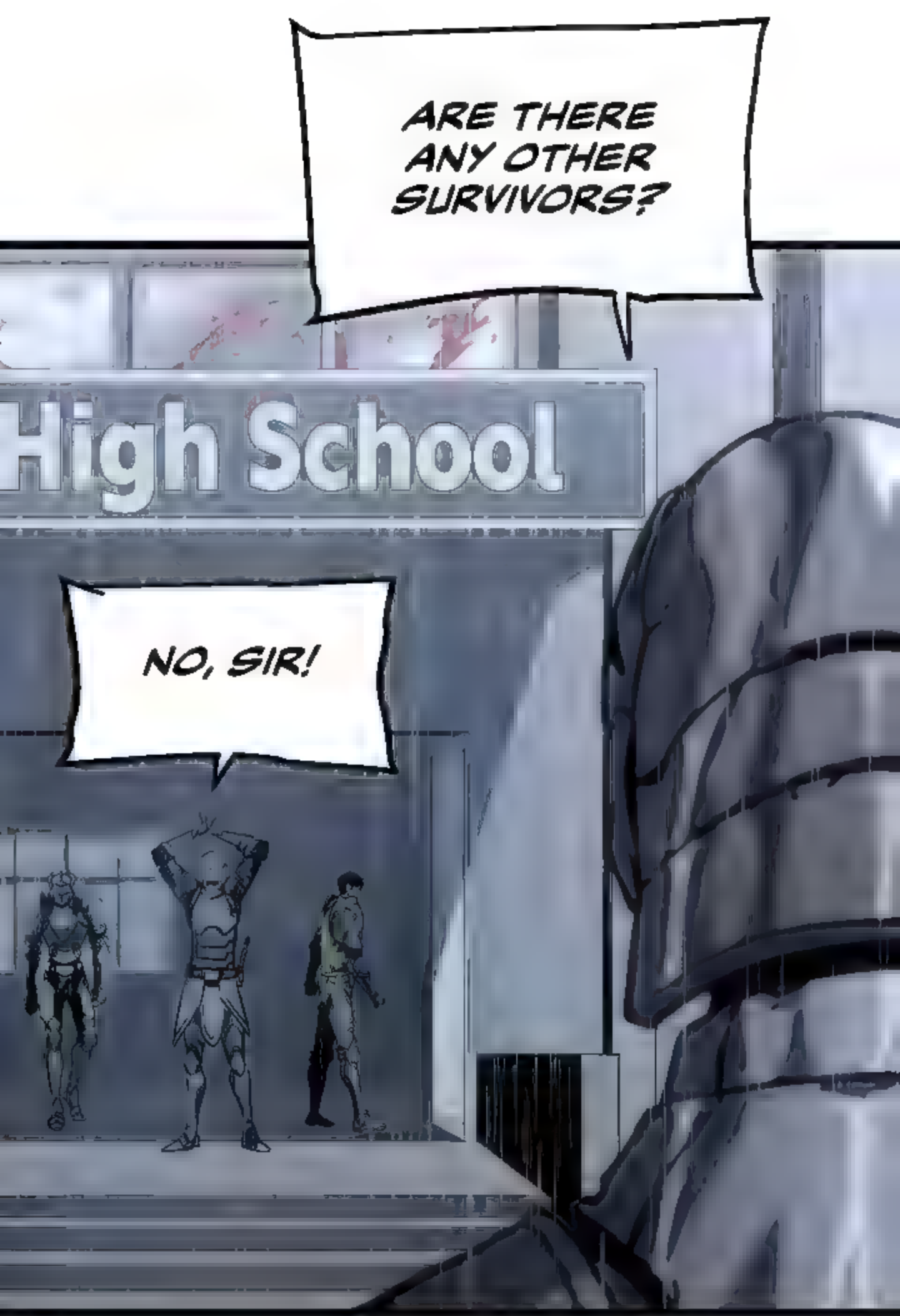
A close-up of a hand with long, dark, claw-like fingers reaching out from a dark, jagged opening in a rock face. The background is a dark, stormy sky with purple and blue clouds.

**MY SON
IS INSIDE!!**

A close-up of a hand with long, dark, claw-like fingers reaching out from a dark, jagged opening in a rock face. The background is a dark, stormy sky with purple and blue clouds.

**GET OUT OF
THE WAY!**





THE 213 STUDENTS THAT
QUICKLY ESCAPED ARE
ALL SAFE,



BUT ONLY 10
OTHERS WERE
RESCUED FROM
THE BUILDING.

AS FOR ALL
THE STUDENTS
WHO FAILED TO
MAKE IT OUT IN
TIME...

PERHAPS WE
SHOULD'VE SEEN
THIS COMING.



THIS GRAPH SHOWS THE SPIKE IN THE NUMBER OF GATE APPEARANCES IN SEOUL IN THE LAST SIX MONTHS.



AND THIS STATISTIC SHOWS A WORLDWIDE UPWARD TREND AS WELL.

ALL COUNTRIES ARE EXPERIENCING AN EXPONENTIAL SURGE IN THE NUMBER OF GATES.

HOWEVER, THIS ISN'T THE ONLY STRANGE PHENOMENON.

MORE AND MORE AWAKENED BEINGS ARE SEEKING TO GET EVALUATED.

IN OTHER WORDS, WE'RE
SEEING A RISE IN THE NUMBER
OF GATES THAT HOLD MAGIC
BEASTS AS WELL AS A RISE IN
THE NUMBER OF HUNTERS WHO
CAN CLOSE THOSE
GATES.

*IT'S AS IF THE
WORLD IS TRYING TO
MAINTAIN A CAREFUL
BALANCE...*

A CHANGE IS
HAPPENING.

SO WHY DID YOU
WANT TO SPEAK
WITH ME TODAY,
SIR...?



PEOPLE FROM JAPAN, THE
UNITED STATES, CHINA, RUSSIA,
FRANCE, THE U.K., GERMANY...
AND EVEN SOME COUNTRIES
IN THE MIDDLE EAST WISH TO
MEET WITH YOU, MR. SUNG.

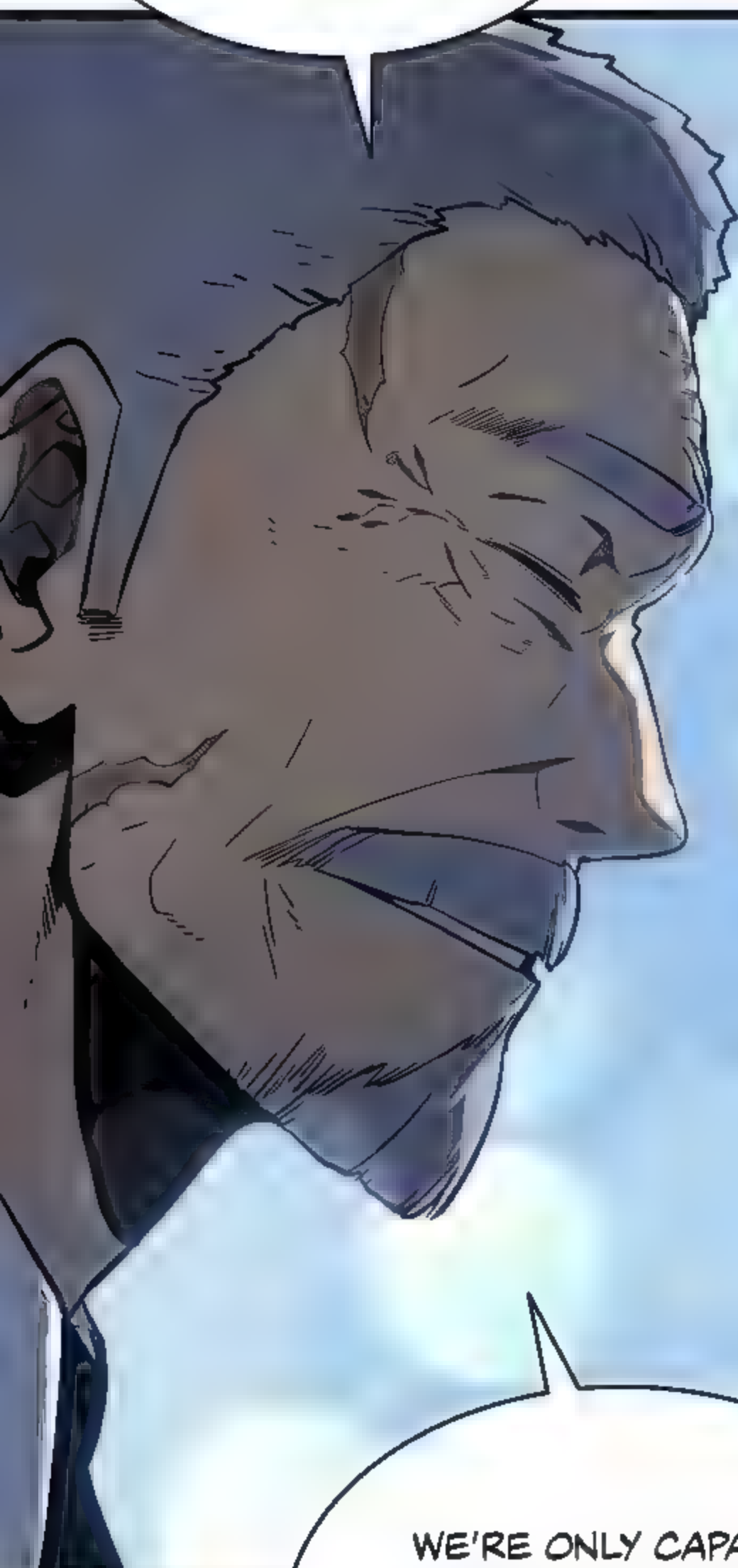


HERE ARE THE DOCUMENTS
CONTAINING THEIR OFFICIAL
REQUESTS.

I'M SURE
SOME HAVE ALREADY
MADE CONTACT
THROUGH UNOFFICIAL
CHANNELS.



TO BE HONEST, THE
HUNTER'S ASSOCIATION
DOESN'T HAVE THE
RIGHT TO STOP
THEM.



WE'RE ONLY CAPABLE
OF PROTECTING YOUR
PERSONAL INFORMATION,
ACCORDING TO YOUR
REQUEST.

WHETHER YOU DECIDE
TO MEET WITH THEM
OR NOT IS UP TO YOU.
HOWEVER...

...IF YOU WERE TO LEAVE
KOREA, I FEAR OUR
COUNTRY WOULDN'T BE
ABLE TO ADAPT TO THE
CHANGES AFOOT.

...WE'RE HERE. THIS
IS THE HOSPITAL
YOUR SISTER WAS
TAKEN TO.

MR. SUNG.

I'LL DO EVERYTHING
IN MY POWER TO
PROVIDE YOU WITH
THE RESOURCES
YOU NEED.



SO...
PLEASE CONSIDER
STAYING.



OUR COUNTRY HAD A
TOTAL OF 10 OFFICIAL
S-RANK HUNTERS,
INCLUDING YOU...

HOWEVER,
WE'VE LOST
THREE.

TWO DIED AT THE
HANDS OF BEASTS,
AND ONE LEFT FOR
THE UNITED STATES.

THE ASSOCIATION
CAN'T AFFORD TO
CONTINUE IGNORING
THIS MATTER.

WE MUST DO OUR
PART AND MAKE EVERY
POSSIBLE EFFORT.

SO PLEASE LET US
KNOW HOW WE CAN
ACCOMMODATE YOU,
MR. SLUNG.





ARE YOU ASKING ME
TO GET RID OF THE
MINIMUM CAPACITY
REQUIREMENT?



YES.



THAT LAW WAS PUT IN
PLACE FOR THE SAFETY
OF HUNTERS.

IT PREVENTS THEM FROM
HAPHAZARDLY WALKING
INTO DUNGEONS AND
GETTING THEMSELVES
KILLED.

ABOLISHING IT
WOULD BE...

FLINCH

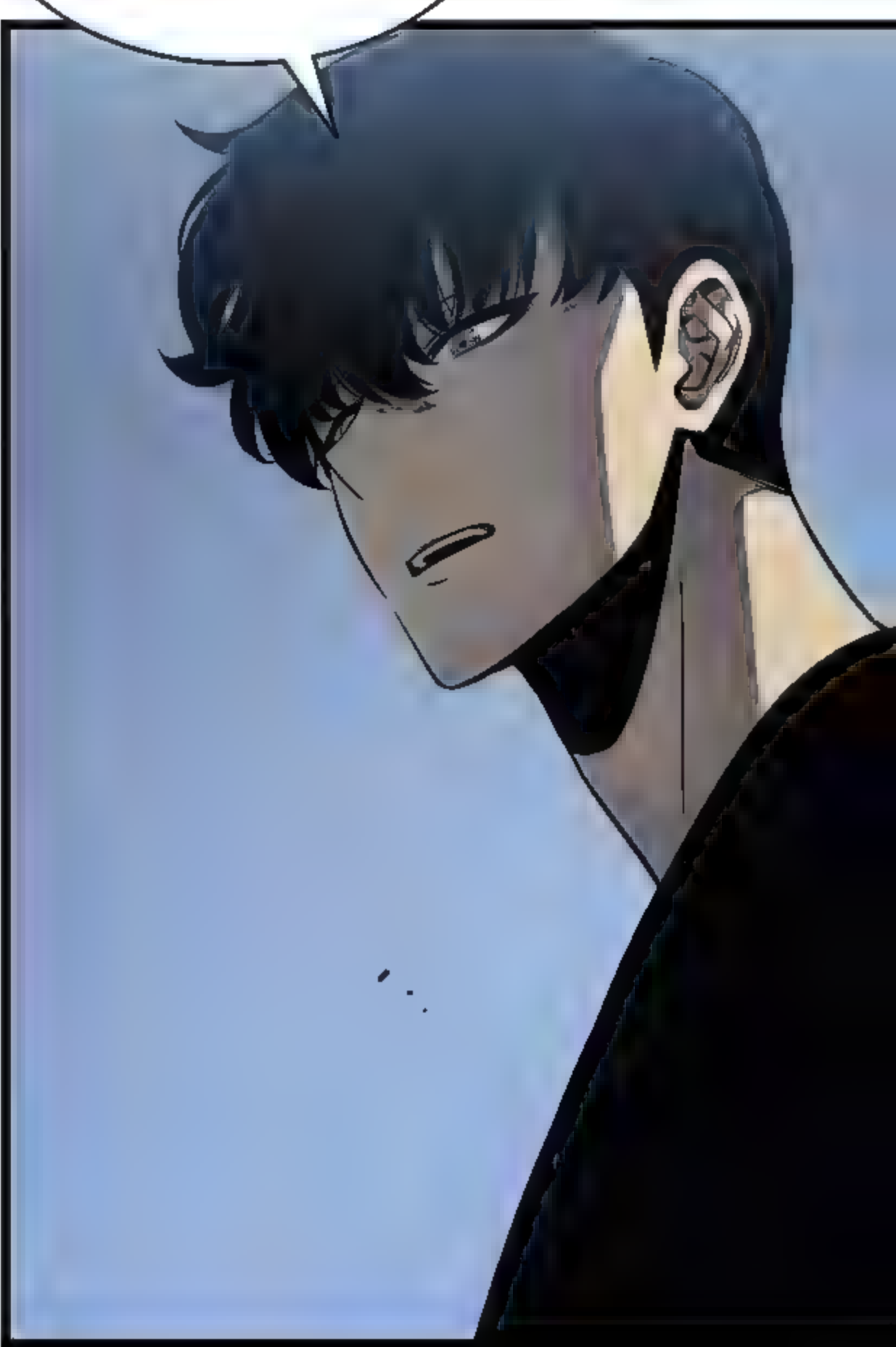



WAIT, SO IS
THAT WHY YOU
CREATED YOUR
OWN GUILD...?




YES...

AM I ASKING
FOR TOO MUCH?





A ONE-MAN STRIKE
SQUAD...!



IT'S GOING TO BE
DIFFICULT, BUT NOT
IMPOSSIBLE.



LEAVE IT
TO ME.



GOOD
WORK TODAY,
SOOHYUN!

BZZZ



BZZZ

THANKS, YOU TOO!

HELLO?
SOOHYUN?



WANNA JOIN
MY GUILD?




WE WOULDN'T
MAKE YOU DO ANY
WORK, SO...

...COME JOIN US
INSTEAD OF BEING AN
AMBASSADOR FOR MY
FATHER'S GUILD.



WHAT'S WITH
ALL THIS GUILD
TALK ALL OF A
SUDDEN?

BY THE WAY,
DID YOU KNOW
JINHEE'S RETURNING
TO KOREA?



OF COURSE I KNOW!
SHE'S MY OLDER SISTER!
BUT NEVER MIND THAT.
WE NEED ONE MORE
FOUNDING MEMBER.

ARE YOU ASKING ME
TO JOIN A GUILD THAT
HASN'T EVEN BEEN
CREATED YET?

JINHO, ARE YOU
SURE YOU AREN'T
BEING SCAMMED BY
SOME SHADY GUY?

HAHA! YOU'LL BE
SHOCKED TO HEAR
WHO THE "SHADY
GUY" IS.



WHO IS IT?



THIS IS THE
PERSON YOU
WERE TALKING
ABOUT?



YES. THIS IS
MY COUSIN, **YOO
SOOHYUN.**

*SHE'S A CERTIFIED
A-RANK HUNTER.*




WOW...
I CAN'T BELIEVE
I'M LOOKING AT
SLING JINWOO
RIGHT NOW.



WHAT ARE YOU
TALKING ABOUT,
SOOHYUN? YOU'RE
THE CELEBRITY
HERE.


SHE'S AN A-RANK
HUNTER?



WELL, OF COURSE I'M
STOKED TO MEET HIM!
HE'S THE HUNTER THAT
VANISHED AFTER RUINING
LEE MINSUNG'S PRESS
CONFERENCE!




...THAT'S WHY YOU'RE
SO EXCITED?



JINHO'S A D-RANK,
AND HIS COUSIN IS
AN A-RANK.

DOES GENETICS PLAY A
ROLE IN THE AWAKENING
PROCESS?



WELL, THERE ARE
SOME CASES WHERE
BOTH SIBLINGS BECOME
AWAKENED... MY FATHER
WAS A HUNTER AS
WELL...



SO I'M GUESSING
JINHO EXPLAINED
EVERYTHING TO
YOU ALREADY?

YEAH, HE SAID
YOU GUYS NEEDED
ANOTHER FOUNDING
MEMBER...



JOINING OUR GUILD
WILL CAUSE QUITE
A STIR. WILL YOU BE
OKAY WITH THAT?


ANYTHING'S
BETTER THAN
GETTING MIXED
UP WITH YOO
JINSUNG.

YOO
JINSUNG?

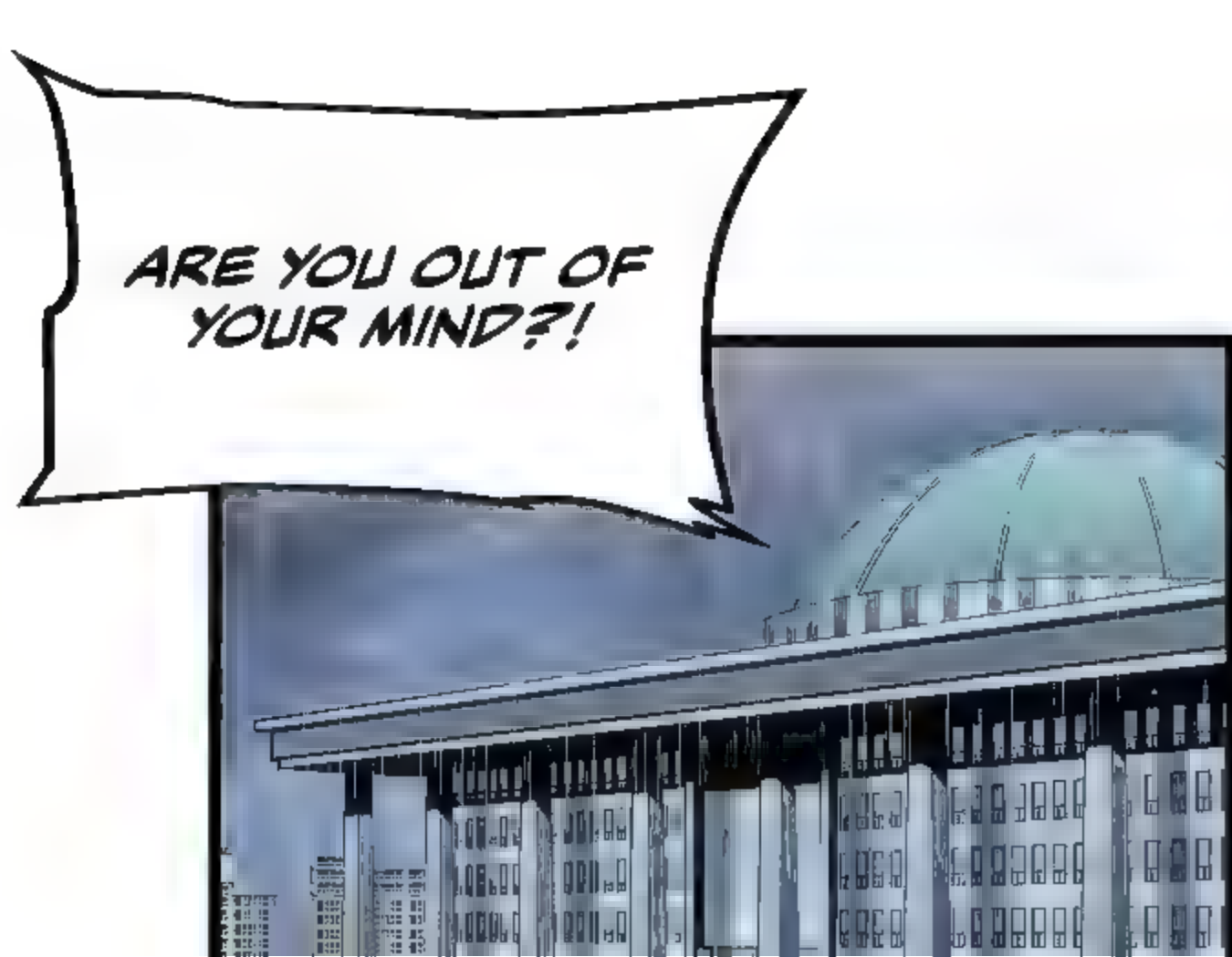



HE'S MY OLDER
BROTHER, SIR.

OH, THE ONE
WITH THE BAD
PERSONALITY?



SEEMS HE'S
MADE A NAME
FOR HIMSELF
ALREADY.

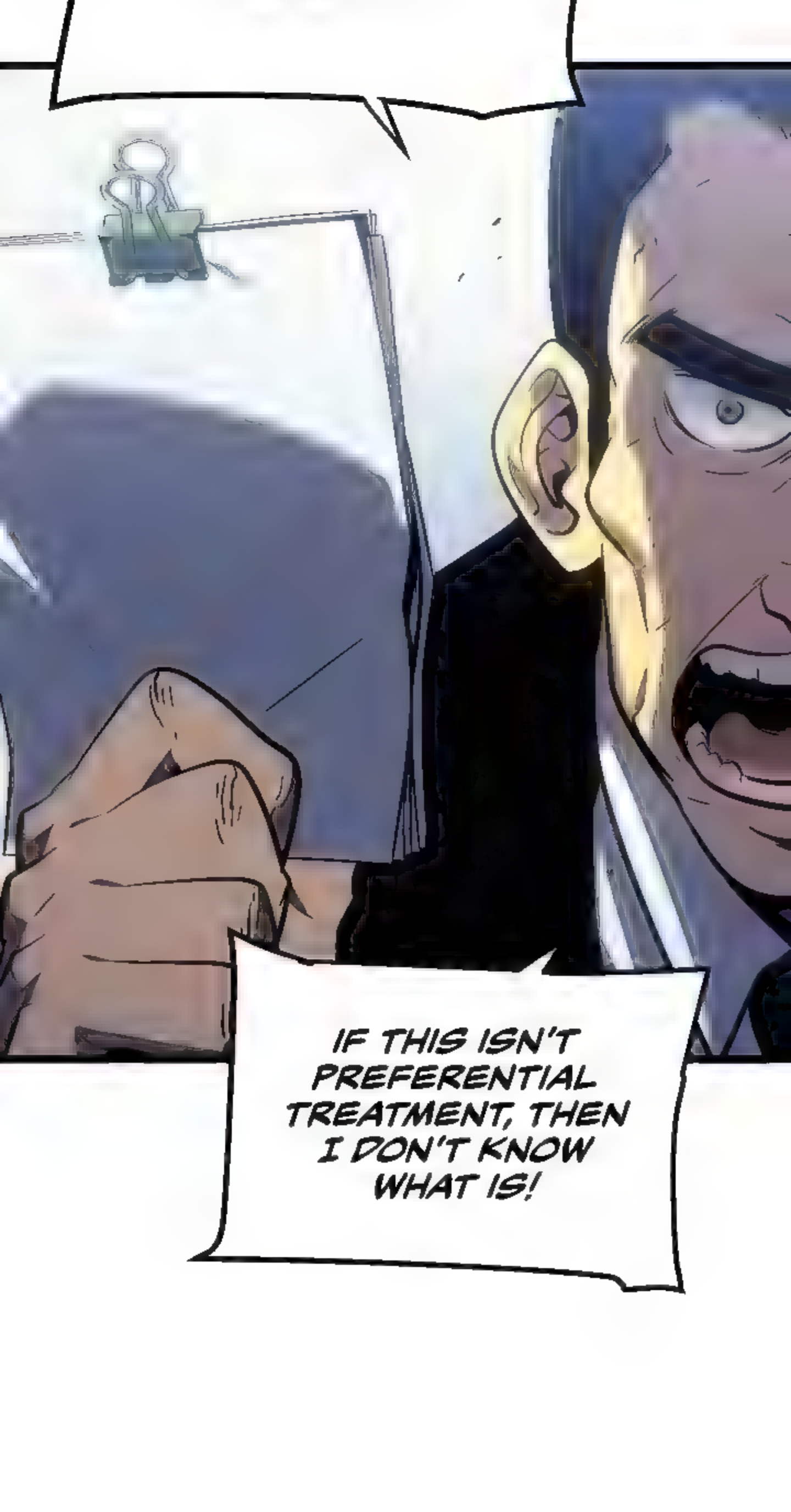


A man with dark hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and dark tie, is speaking into a large black microphone. He has a serious, slightly angry expression. He is sitting at a desk with a laptop in front of him. The background shows a window with a view of a city skyline.

**YOU WANT
SUMMONED
BEASTS TO BE
RECOGNIZED AS
MEMBERS OF A
STRIKE SQUAD?!**

**THIS IS
COMPLETE
AND UTTER
NONSENSE!!**

**THIS REGULATION
WAS PUT IN PLACE
AS SOON AS SUNG
JINWOO ESTABLISHED
HIS GUILD!**

A close-up of a man's face, showing his eyes, nose, and mouth. He has a determined, almost angry expression. He is wearing a dark suit and a white shirt. His hand is visible, holding a pen or pencil.

**IF THIS ISN'T
PREFERENTIAL
TREATMENT, THEN
I DON'T KNOW
WHAT IS!**

THE HUNTER'S
ASSOCIATION
EXISTS FOR THE
GOOD OF ALL
HUNTERS, NOT JUST
SUNG JINWOO!

PLEASE
EXPLAIN
YOURSELF,
MR. GO!

YES, YOU
ARE EXACTLY
RIGHT.

THIS IS
PREFERENTIAL
TREATMENT.

I WOULD LIKE TO ASK
EVERYONE GATHERED
HERE TODAY A
QUESTION.

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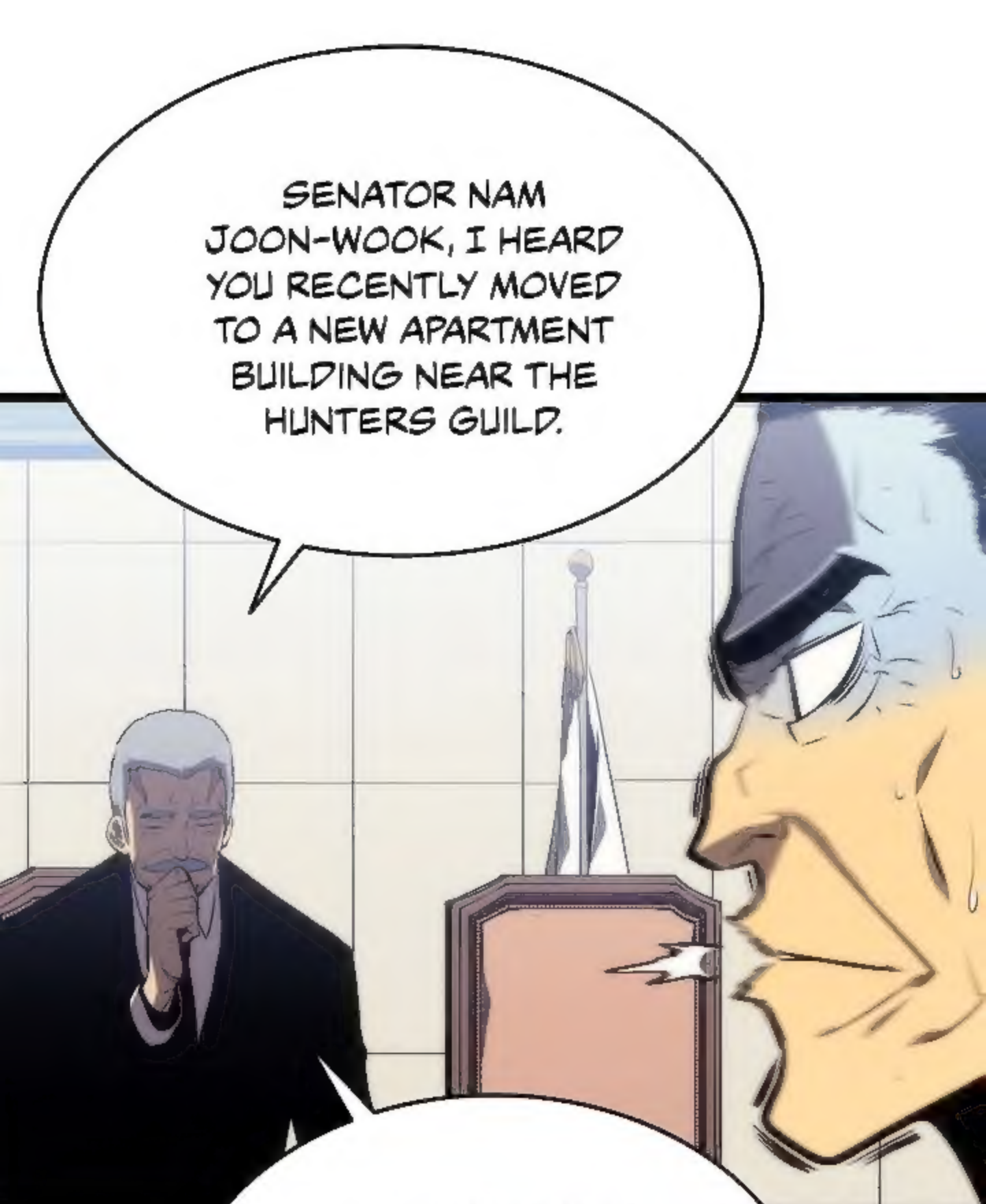
WHISPER

YOU HAVE THE
OPTION OF A STRIKE
SQUAD CONSISTING
OF 20 A-RANK
HUNTERS,

OR A STRIKE SQUAD
CONSISTING OF
JUST SUNG JINWOO
HIMSELF.

IF YOU COULD ONLY
DEPLOY ONE OF
THESE TEAMS INTO
A DUNGEON BREAK
ZONE,

**WHICH
WOULD YOU
CHOOSE?**



SENATOR NAM JOON-WOOK, I HEARD YOU RECENTLY MOVED TO A NEW APARTMENT BUILDING NEAR THE HUNTERS GUILD.

WHAT WAS YOUR REASON FOR MOVING TO THAT NEIGHBORHOOD? THE HOUSING PRICES ARE MUCH HIGHER THERE THAN IN THE SURROUNDING AREAS.

THAT MATTER IS UNRELATED TO-

IT WAS FOR SAFETY REASONS, WASN'T IT?

AHEM

AHEM

THE SAME GOES FOR EVERYONE ELSE IN THIS COUNTRY, SENATOR.

ANYONE WITH ENOUGH MONEY WOULD WANT TO MOVE SOMEWHERE SAFER.

GUILDS FROM ALL OVER THE WORLD ARE DESPERATE TO GET THEIR HANDS ON MR. SUNG.

DO YOU REALLY THINK HE'LL WANT TO REMAIN HERE IN KOREA IF WE'RE UNWILLING TO COMPROMISE WITH HIM?



I'M ASKING IF YOU
WANT US TO MAKE THE
SAME MISTAKE TWICE,
SENATOR. REMEMBER
THE TIME WHEN HWANG
DONGSOO LEFT US
FOR AMERICA.

IF THIS TYPE
OF PREFERENTIAL
TREATMENT SEEMS
UNREASONABLE
TO YOU,

I PLEAD
WITH YOU TO THINK
ABOUT WHO WILL
SAVE YOUR LIFE...

**...WHEN ANOTHER
S-RANK GATE
APPEARS HERE
IN KOREA.**



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To Be Continued...

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